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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

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G2-PRT

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHAIRMAN, INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Priorities for Intelligence Collection

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2. This memorandum calls attention to the paucity of intelligence available concerning Soviet capabilities and intentions in the field of biological warfare.
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(Signed) R. C. Partridge

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